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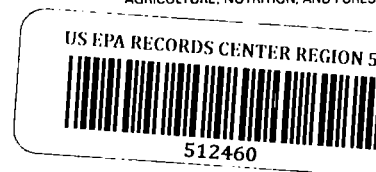
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February 6, 2006

Mr. Thomas Skinner, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V
77 South Jackson Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Skinner:

I have received the enclosed correspondence from Ms. Deborah Gurman, President and CEO of Gurman Container and Supply Corporation of Terre Haute, Indiana.

My constituent has written concerning her experience with the Environmental Protection Agency's review of a groundwater issue that her company has been cooperating with an ongoing investigation. Ms. Gurman has indicated that she believes her company has been treated "unreasonably" during this review.

I would appreciate your assistance in reviewing the enclosed correspondence. I am also forwarding a copy of this correspondence to Thomas Easterly, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for their review.

You may direct your response to Mr. Lane Ralph of my Indiana staff at 10 West Market Street, Suite 1180, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2964 or telephone 317-226-5555.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Lugar".

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Deborah Gurman, President and CEO, Gurman Container and Supply Corporation
Mr. Thomas Easterly, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental
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The Honorable Richard Lugar
Attn: Lane Ralph
10 W. Market Suite 1180
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2964

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to ask for your assistance in working with the EPA. Since the EPA has contacted us in 1998, I believe that we have been treated unreasonably. We have complied with everything that they have required us to do.

Gurman Container & Supply Corporation has been a stable community business for well over eighty-five years. We have provided work and a steady income for many local people. Also, we have worked to do things in a completely legal manner. We support our community one hundred per cent and feel we are a very good tax paying facility.

I am truly at a loss as to how to deal with their demands. I have retained a very competent attorney who is familiar with EPA cases. On his advice we have had drilling done on the property by a geologist. As I understand it, the ground water is well within compliance limits. The EPA, however, wants us to drill deeper and on other parts of the property that have not been part of Gurman Container for decades.

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Any help or suggestions that your office could give to us
will be greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing
from you in the near future.

Sincerely,



Deborah J. Gurman
President/CEO

